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The Honorable John McCain
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator McCain:

The Director thanks you for your kind invitation to attend the first annual Congressional Scholarship Awards Dinner on 7 March, 1989. This event supports a commendable objective: to increase opportunities for students to perfect their knowledge of international affairs. Unfortunately, the Director is already committed for that evening and must regretfully decline your invitation.

Regarding your other request that the Director serve on the Honorary Dinner Committee for the Scholarship Awards Dinner, the Director would be pleased to lend his name to the Dinner Committee. Due to legal constraints, he must ask that his title not appear on the program and invitation list.

The Director thanks you again for inviting him and wishes you every success in raising scholarship funds.

A copy of this letter is also being provided to Senator Boren.

Sincerely,

John L. Helgerson
Director of Congressional Affairs

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

FROM: John L. Helgerson
Director of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT: Invitation from Senators Boren and McCain

1. Senators David Boren (D., OK) and John McCain (R., AZ) have invited you to attend the first annual Congressional Scholarship Award Dinner on Tuesday, 7 March 1989. The Scholarship Awards Dinner provides financial assistance to students participating in Georgetown University institutes specializing in foreign affairs and political journalism.
2. Because of Senator Boren's chairmanship of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, I recommend that you accept to lend your name on a personal basis to the Honorary Dinner Committee for this bipartisan, nonpolitical event. Based on advice from the Office of General Counsel, your acceptance would be for the use of your name only and not of your title.
3. I recommend that you decline the invitation to the dinner. All members of Congress sponsor such events, and I would rather not open you up for charges of favoritism by accepting some and necessarily declining many others.
4. If you agree, I will send the attached note on your behalf accepting to serve on the Honorary Dinner Committee and declining to attend the dinner. Please advise.


John L. Helgerson


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☒ ACCEPT TO SERVE ON THE DINNER COMMITTEE

☐ DECLINE TO SERVE ON THE DINNER COMMITTEE

☐ ACCEPT THE DINNER INVITATION

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